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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the Government of India/World Health Organisation Collaborative Project on Tobacco Free Initiative, a project has been prepared on "School Health Educational Programme" under which literature for training of school teachers will be developed. Thereafter, 100 teachers each in four States will be trained who in turn will carry out campus campaigning in schools, propagating the adverse effects of tobacco consumption on human health. An analogous NGO-administered project "Tobacco Related Health Education and Health Action in the Schools of Delhi" is also under preparation.

Nursing Homes in Delhi

2212. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Nursing Homes in Delhi;
- (b) how many of them maintain incinerators for waste disposals;
- (c) whether Government are aware that many of the Nursing Homes waste disposals picked up by rag pickers, recycled and sold again in the market; and
- (d) if so, what steps have been taken to make it mandatory for nursing homes to install incinerators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The Government of National Territory of Delhi has informed that the Directorate of Health Services do not have information about the total number of Nursing Homes and private hospitals in Delhi. However, 395 nursing homes/private hospital are registered with the Directorate.

(b) 16 private hospitals/nursing homes have installed incinerators so far.

(c) No such instance has come to the notice of Health Department, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(d) Installation of incinerators is not mandatory as per the Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998. The Rules only require that the Bio-medical Waste generated shall be treated and disposed in manner prescribed by it.

World Bank assisted population project

2213. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes sponsored under World Bank assisted population project, the allocations made during Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(b) the list of NGOs involved and activities entrusted to each under the project, in Assam; and

(c) the target and overall achievements in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) Two World Bank assisted Population Projects are under implementation in the country, namely India Population Project VIII and IX. The Eighth India Population Project is being implemented in selected cities and towns of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, West Bengal and Delhi from 6th August 1993 to 30th June 2001 with a view to improving the health & family welfare status of the urban slum population, in these cities. The project is also being implemented in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu for improving the logistics of drugs and equipment.

The IXth India Population Project (IPP-IX) is under implementation in the States of Assam, Karnataka and Rajasthan w.e.f. June 1994 for a period upto 31st December 2001 with a view to